

Memorandum



Date: December 18, 2012

To: Honorable Vice Chairwoman Audrey M. Edmonson
and Members, Board of County Commissioners

Agenda Item No. 14(A)(3)

From: Carlos A. Gimenez
County Mayor

Subject: Resolution Authorizing The County Mayor, Mayor's Designee or Miami-Dade Transit Director to Execute and File A Grant Application on behalf of Miami-Dade County With the United States Department of Transportation, Federal Transit Administration for Fiscal Year 2012 Section 5316 Job Access Reverse Commute Funds in the Amount of \$2,221,730

This item was amended at the December 10, 2012 Regional Transportation Committee (RTC) to modify the effective date of the resolution since the application is due December 21. Allowing the Mayor to sign and file with the Clerk to enable the effective date to occur sooner, will facilitate a timely JARC application submittal.

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Board of County Commissioners (Board) approve the attached resolution authorizing the filing of a grant application with the United States Department of Transportation (USDOT), Federal Transit Administration (FTA) for \$2,221,730 in Fiscal Year (FY) 2012 Section 5316 Job Access Reverse Commute (JARC) Program funds.

It is further recommended that the Board authorize this grant agreement pursuant to the application, as well as the receipt and expenditure of funds as specified in the grant agreement. Miami-Dade County proposes the use of Charter County Transportation Surtax Funds as a local match for this grant.

This agenda item is placed for Committee review pursuant to Miami-Dade County Code Section 29-124(f). This agenda item may only be considered by the Board if the Citizens' Independent Transportation Trust (CITT) has forwarded a recommendation to the Board prior to the date scheduled for Board consideration or forty-five (45) days have elapsed since the filing with the Clerk of the Board of this agenda item. If the CITT has not forwarded a recommendation and forty-five (45) days have not elapsed since the filing of this agenda item, I will request a withdrawal of this item.

No public hearing is required for this grant application.

SCOPE

These funds will provide support to improve and expand existing routes to service new and existing employment areas in Miami-Dade County. Therefore, the impact of this grant will be countywide.

FISCAL IMPACT/FUNDING SOURCE

The total Federal participation being applied for is \$2,221,730. An equal match of \$2,221,730 will be provided through Miami-Dade Transit's Operating budget. The estimated current and future on-going annual operating cost of the improved and expanded routes is approximately \$4,443,460 and is budgeted within the 29.2 million revenue miles.

TRACK RECORD/MONITOR

Miami-Dade Transit (MDT) has entered into numerous funding agreements with FTA over the course of more than 26 years. The Project Manager for this grant is Ed Carson, Grants Resource Manager, MDT Financial Services.

BACKGROUND

The Safe, Accountable, Flexible, Efficient Transportation Act, a Legacy for Users (SAFETEA-LU) was enacted in August 2005 and provides funding for the Section 5316 JARC program. The goals and objectives of this program are to improve the service delivery of transportation services to low income people, through the coordination of agencies and services, while utilizing public outreach strategies, marketing strategies, training, and performance measures to provide a more effective and efficient transportation network. Through these improvements, the under and unemployed, seniors, those with disabilities, and the transit public will be served by gaining access to targeted sectors and services along the project alignments.

The FTA encourages the designation of a single designated recipient for each urbanized area over 200,000 in population in order to streamline the administration of the program and foster coordination. As such, the South Florida Regional Transportation Authority (SFRTA), is the local designated recipient responsible for overseeing and administering the JARC program in the Miami Urbanized Area (urbanized areas of Broward, Miami-Dade, and Palm Beach Counties). The designated recipient responsibilities include: notifying eligible local entities of funding availability; developing project selection criteria; and conducting the competitive selection process.

On October 18, 2012, the SFRTA, in partnership with the Metropolitan Planning Organizations in Broward, Miami-Dade and Palm Beach counties, announced a call for projects as part of the competitive selection process. The application deadline is December 21, 2012. The estimated FY 2012 JARC funding available for this application cycle is \$3,615,380 for operating assistance. Through a competitive process, the SFRTA's Planning Technical Advisory Committee will determine eligibility, evaluate and rank project applications for this program funding on February 13, 2013. The ranked Program of Projects will then be submitted to the SFRTA Governing Board for approval at one of its regularly scheduled meetings. Once approved, the Program of Projects will be submitted to the FTA for final determination of funding allocation. A completed grant application must be submitted to the FTA before the allocated federal funds can be awarded.

To ensure a cohesive and comprehensive transportation system throughout the County, routes were designed to connect with each other and the Metrorail system (see attached maps). This includes routes that serve major job sites including Miami International Airport, the Marlins Ballpark, Dadeland, Kendall, Miami Beach, and North Miami-Dade. This funding will assist MDT in making improvements in FY 2013 to several important corridors such as NW 27th Avenue, Kendall Drive, and Collins Avenue. Several of the proposed service projects were approved for previous JARC funding and are being requested to receive additional funding for one to two more years. Descriptions of the routes are as follows:

Since this application is due December 21, 2012, allowing the Mayor to sign and file with the Clerk to enable the effective date to occur sooner, will facilitate timely JARC application submittal.

Route 150 Airport Flyer

Route 150 Airport Flyer began service in December 2009. This route currently provides premium express bus service for low-income workers and those seeking employment opportunities at Miami International Airport (MIA) and Miami Beach. Prior to this route, there was no direct transit service between the Airport and Miami Beach south of 41st Street.

This route currently operates from 6:00 am to 11:00 pm. The requested JARC funding will be used to improve the headway from 30 minutes to 20 minutes and extend the hours of service by scheduling one additional trip before 6:00 am and one additional trip after 11:00 pm. The service improvement is anticipated to start in the summer of 2013.

Kendall Cruiser Enhanced Bus Service (Route 288)

The Kendall Cruiser Enhanced Bus Service (Route 288) began in June 2010. The Route 288 operates along SW 88th Street (Kendall Drive/SR 94) and State Rd 878 from Dadeland North Metrorail Station to the West Kendall transit terminal located at SW 162nd Avenue. The requested JARC funding will provide an improved headway between Dadeland North Metrorail Station and the proposed park-and-ride lot at SW 127th Avenue near Kendall Drive. Once a new park-and-ride lot is opened, this service will have an improved headway from 12 minutes to 7.5 minutes between Dadeland North Metrorail Station and SW 127 Avenue and operate, every 15 minutes to the West Kendall transit terminal at SW 162 Avenue.

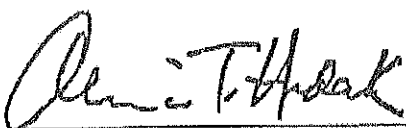
NW 27th Orange MAX (Route 297)

The 27th Avenue Orange MAX was implemented in November 2012. This enhanced premium route provides service from the MIC to the Broward County Line (NW 215th Street) along NW 27th Avenue. The northern terminus would be a planned transit center/park-and-ride lot at NW 27th Avenue and 215th Street. The Route 297 provides frequent and rapid service along the corridor to Metrorail and the MIC. The major employment and activity sites served along this route are the Martin Luther King Metrorail Station, Miami Dade College North Campus, Sun Life Stadium, and Calder Race Track. Residential areas served by this route are Liberty City, Opa-Locka, Bunche Park and Miami Gardens.

Marlins Ballpark Shuttle

The Marlins Ballpark Shuttle began service in April 2012. This shuttle route will operate frequent and convenient service to access employment opportunities at the Marlins Ballpark. The route will serve as a connector between the Culmer Metrorail Station at NW 11th Street and 7th Avenue and the Marlins Ballpark at NW 3rd Street and 16th Avenue.

MDT will use the JARC funding to continue and expand routes to service new and existing employment areas in Miami-Dade County. The primary job sectors, which will benefit include aviation, healthcare, food service, customer service and retail.



Alina T. Hudak
Deputy Mayor



MEMORANDUM

(Revised)

TO: Honorable Vice Chairwoman Audrey M. Edmonson
and Members, Board of County Commissioners

DATE: December 18, 2012

FROM: 
R. A. Cuevas, Jr.
County Attorney

SUBJECT: Agenda Item No. 14(A)(3)

Please note any items checked.

- ☐ "3-Day Rule" for committees applicable if raised
- ☐ 6 weeks required between first reading and public hearing
- ☐ 4 weeks notification to municipal officials required prior to public hearing
- ☐ Decreases revenues or increases expenditures without balancing budget
- ☐ Budget required
- ☐ Statement of fiscal impact required
- ☐ Ordinance creating a new board requires detailed County Mayor's report for public hearing
- ☐ No committee review
- ☐ Applicable legislation requires more than a majority vote (i.e., 2/3's ____, 3/5's ____, unanimous ____) to approve
- ☐ Current information regarding funding source, index code and available balance, and available capacity (if debt is contemplated) required

Approved _____ Mayor
Veto _____
Override _____

Agenda Item No. 14(A)(3)
12-18-12

RESOLUTION NO. _____

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY MAYOR, MAYOR'S DESIGNEE, OR THE MIAMI-DADE TRANSIT DIRECTOR TO EXECUTE AND FILE A GRANT APPLICATION ON BEHALF OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY WITH THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION (USDOT), FEDERAL TRANSIT ADMINISTRATION (FTA) FOR FISCAL YEAR 2012 SECTION 5316 JOB ACCESS AND REVERSE COMMUTE PROGRAM FUNDS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$2,221,730; AUTHORIZING THE RECEIPT AND EXPENDITURE OF FUNDS PURSUANT TO SUCH APPLICATIONS AND AGREEMENTS; AUTHORIZING THE RECEIPT AND EXPENDITURE OF ANY ADDITIONAL FUNDS SHOULD THEY BECOME AVAILABLE; AND AUTHORIZING THE USE OF CHARTER COUNTY TRANSPORTATION SURTAX FUNDS AS A LOCAL MATCH

WHEREAS, this Board desires to accomplish the purposes outlined in the accompanying memorandum, a copy of which is incorporated herein by reference; and

WHEREAS, the contract for financial assistance will impose certain obligations upon the applicant, including the provision by it of the local share of project costs; and

WHEREAS, it is required by the USDOT in accordance with the provisions of Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1994, that the applicant give an assurance that it will comply with the Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1994; and USDOT requirement thereunder,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA, that:

Section 1. That the Board authorizes the County Mayor, Mayor's designee, or the Miami-Dade Transit Director (MDT), to accept grant funding from the USDOT, FTA for FY 2012 Section 5316 Job Access and Reverse Commute (JARC) Program funds to provide support for routes to service new and existing employment areas in Miami-Dade County.

Section 2. That the County staff is authorized to furnish such additional information as the USDOT and the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) may require in connection with the grant application for the project.

Section 3. The Board further authorizes the use of Charter County Transportation System Surtax Funds as a local match.

Section 4. That the County Mayor, Mayor's designee, or the MDT Director is authorized to set forth and execute disadvantaged business enterprises policies in connection with the project should such funds become available.

Section 5. That the Board further authorizes the County Mayor, Mayor's designee, or the MDT Director to execute such contracts and agreements as are approved by the County Attorney's Office, to receive and expend these or any additional funds in accordance with such aforementioned contracts and agreements; and to file and execute any additional agreements, revisions, or amendments as required to carry out the projects for and on behalf of Miami-Dade County, Florida.

The foregoing resolution was offered by Commissioner _____, who moved its adoption. The motion was seconded by Commissioner _____ and upon being put to a vote, the vote was as follows:

Audrey M. Edmonson, Vice Chairwoman

Bruno A. Barreiro

Esteban L. Bovo, Jr.

Sally A. Heyman

Jean Monestime

Rebeca Sosa

Xavier L. Suarez

Lynda Bell

Jose "Pepe" Diaz

Barbara J. Jordan

Dennis C. Moss

Sen. Javier D. Souto

Juan C. Zapata

The Chairperson thereupon declared the resolution duly passed and adopted this 18th day of December, 2012. This resolution shall become effective >>upon the earlier of (1)<<¹ ten (10) days after the date of its adoption unless vetoed by the Mayor, and if vetoed, shall become effective only upon an override by this Board >>, or (2) approval by the County mayor of this Resolution and the filing of this approval with the Clerk of the Board<< .

MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA
BY ITS BOARD OF
COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

HARVEY RUVIN, CLERK

By: _____
Deputy Clerk

Approved by County Attorney as
to form and legal sufficiency.

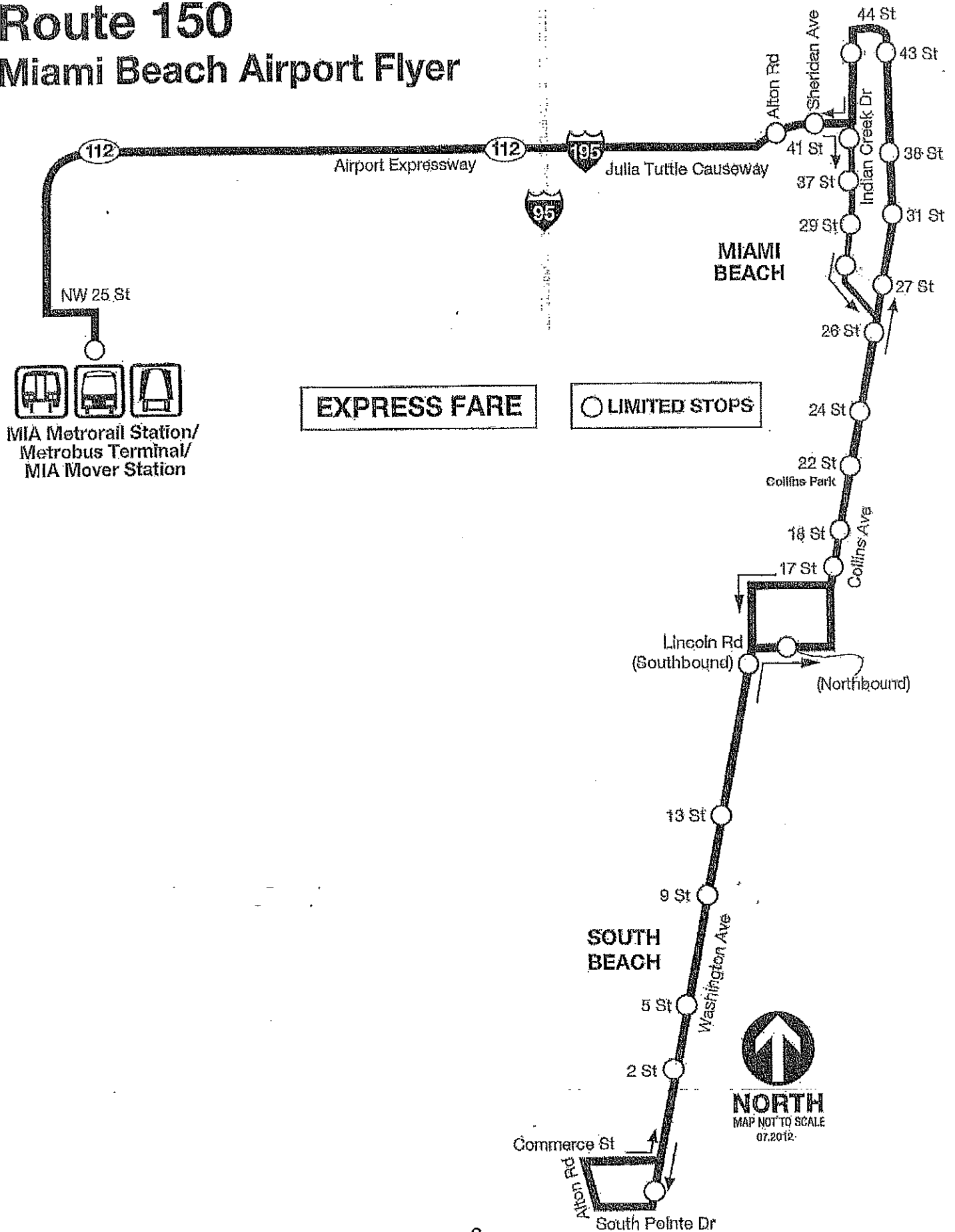


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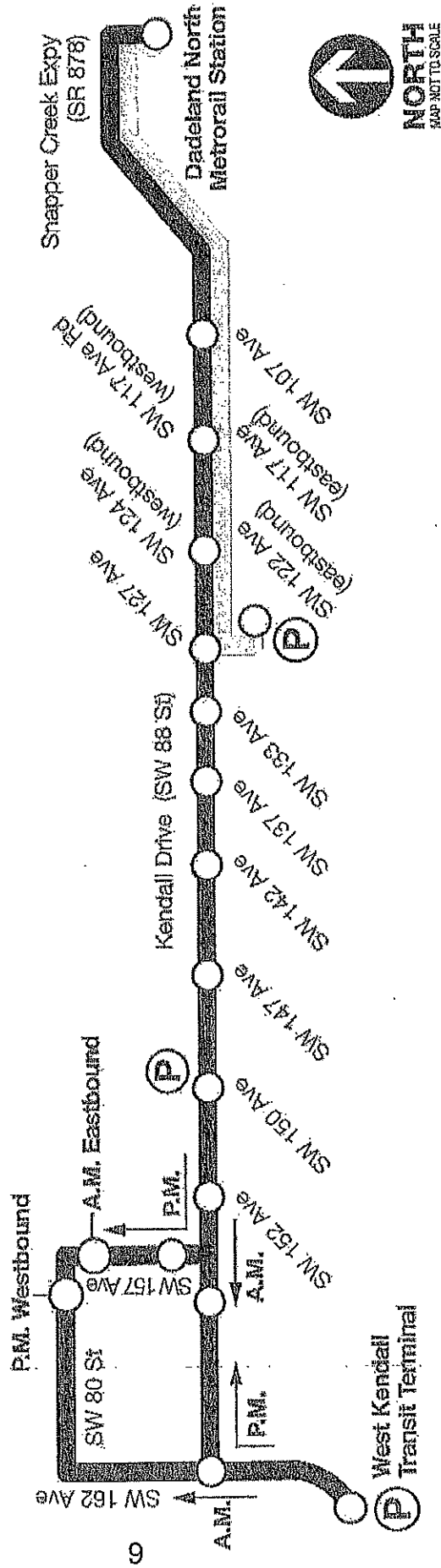
¹ Committee amendments are indicated as follows: Words stricken through and/or [[double bracketed]] are deleted, words underscored and/or >>double arrowed<< are added.

Route 150

Miami Beach Airport Flyer

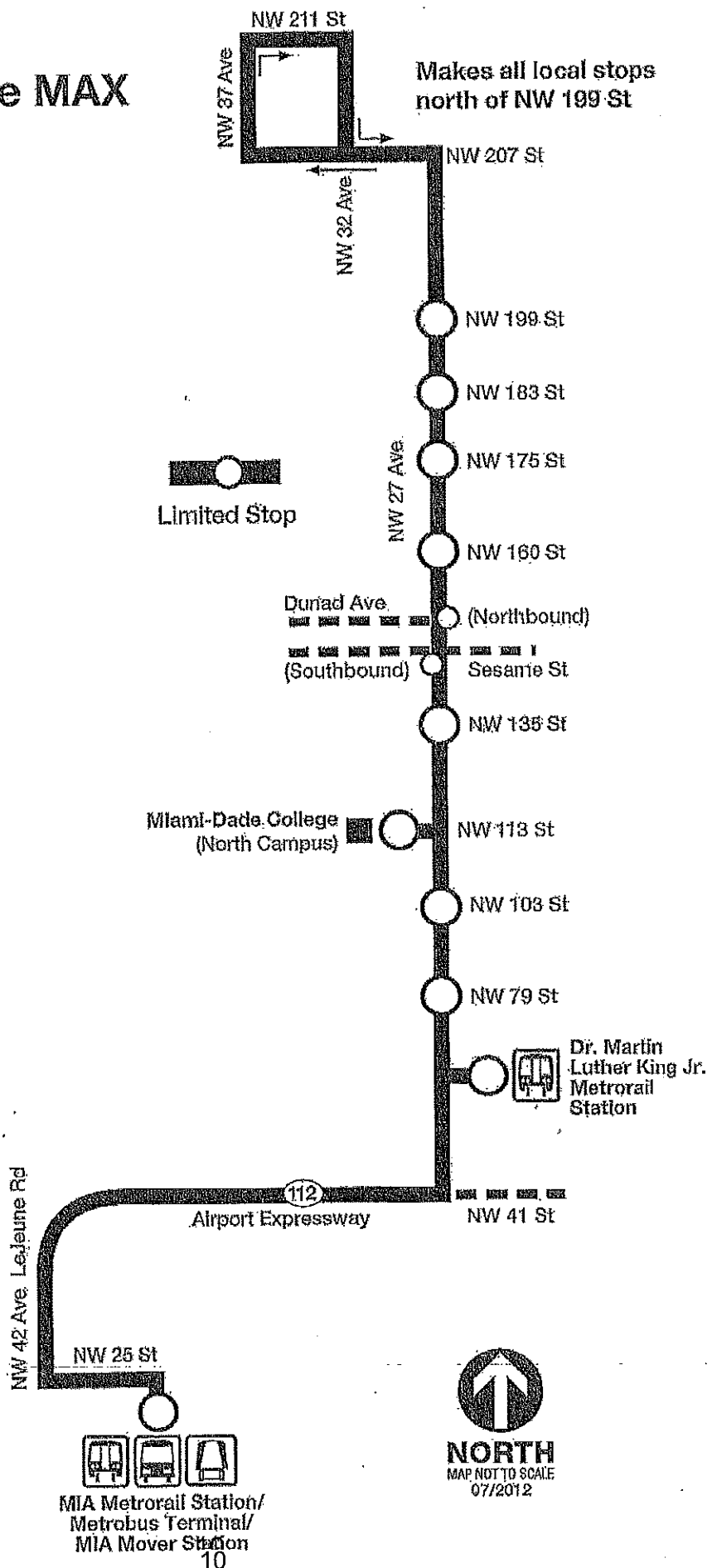


Route 288 Kendall Cruiser



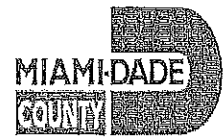
Route 297

27th Avenue Orange MAX



HARDY





Memorandum

To: Honorable Vice Chairwoman Audrey M. Edmonson
and Members, Board of County Commissioners

From: Charles Scurr, Executive Director *C Scurr*

Date: December 13, 2012

Re: CITT AGENDA ITEM 5B:

RESOLUTION BY THE CITIZENS' INDEPENDENT TRANSPORTATION TRUST (CITT) RECOMMENDING THAT THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS (BCC), AUTHORIZE THE COUNTY MAYOR, MAYOR'S DESIGNEE, OR THE MIAMI-DADE TRANSIT DIRECTOR TO EXECUTE AND FILE A GRANT APPLICATION ON BEHALF OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY WITH THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION (USDOT), FEDERAL TRANSIT ADMINISTRATION (FTA) FOR FISCAL YEAR 2012 SECTION 5316 JOB ACCESS AND REVERSE COMMUTE PROGRAM FUNDS IN THE AMOUNT OF **\$2,221,730.00**; AUTHORIZING THE RECEIPT AND EXPENDITURE OF FUNDS PURSUANT TO SUCH APPLICATIONS AND AGREEMENTS; AUTHORIZING THE RECEIPT AND EXPENDITURE OF ANY ADDITIONAL FUNDS SHOULD THEY BECOME AVAILABLE; AND AUTHORIZING THE USE OF CHARTER COUNTY TRANSPORTATION SURTAX FUNDS AS A LOCAL MATCH (MDT - BCC Legislative File No. 122463)

On December 13, 2012, the CITT voted (11-0) to forward a favorable recommendation to the Board of County Commissioners (BCC) for the approval of the above referenced item, CITT Resolution No. 12-102. The vote was as follows:

Hon. Linda Zilber, Chairperson – Aye
Paul J. Schwiep, Esq., 1st Vice Chairperson – Aye
Hon. Anna E. Ward, Ph.D., 2nd Vice Chairperson – Aye

Christopher Benjamin, Esq. – Aye
Glenn J. Downing, CFP® – Aye
Alfred J. Holzman – Aye
Miles E. Moss, P.E. – Aye
Marilyn Smith – Aye

Joseph Curbelo – Absent
Peter L. Forrest – Aye
Prakash Kumar – Aye
Hon. James A. Reeder – Aye

cc: Alina Hudak, Deputy Mayor/County Manager
Bruce Libhaber, Assistant County Attorney
Miguel Gonzalez, Assistant County Attorney